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PARISH BULLETIN

24th November 2019

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2019

9.30am	Mornington	Combined at St Marys
10.00am	Mosgiel	R Masterton
11.00am	Glenaven	D Poultney
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 27th November – Mornington MWF 2pm (Mornington Church)
 Sunday 1st December – Carol Service at Radius Fulton Home
 Saturday 14th December – Christmas Carols at Taieri Court 2pm
 Tuesday 17th December – Mosgiel Social Event 7pm (Mosgiel Church)

ORDERS OF SERVICE & BULLETINS OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Mission Office will be closed from midday Monday 23rd December with the Administration team returning to work Monday 13th January 2020. Could you please ensure that your Orders of Service over this period (the dates 15th Dec through to 12th Jan) are sent (bulletins@mmsouth.org.nz) no later than **12noon Thursday 12th December.**

The final bulletin for 2019 will be the 15th December edition and the first bulletin for 2020 will be 19th January.

Many thanks, Methodist Mission Administration Team



RELOCATION OF DAVID POULTNEY'S OFFICE

David is now based on Oxford Street at The Mission Oxford Street Offices, his office is near the King Edward Road end of Oxford Street. Visiting the building is a little complex and parking nearby is in short supply. If you would like to visit please advise David beforehand and he will meet you outside the building and bring you in.



MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday 27th November at 2pm at the Mornington Methodist Church.

To celebrate the Christmas Season the Women's fellowship have planned an afternoon tea of Christmas treats.

Our special guests are Celia Cannon, ballerina and Robyn Abernathy and Lynley Kloogh, singers. All church members are invited to join us. Please come and enjoy the wonderful talents of our church family as we prepare for Christmas.

BULLET POINTS from the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

- Looking at Mosgiel Methodist Church hall roof repairs.
- No Tongan minister will be appointed to Dunedin for 2020.
- At our AGM Emeritus Professor Colin Gibson stepped down as chair from the Parish Council. We have appreciated his leadership and support to Parish Council. Many thanks Colin.
- A team of Presbyters and Stewards will be chairing the Parish Council meetings on a roster system.
- Fay Richardson (Secretary) and Lynley Kloogh (Treasurer) were re-elected to Parish Council.

MOSGIEL FOOD BANK DRIVE

2019 Food Bank Drive

**Monday 2nd Dec
6.00 – 9.00pm**

Listen for the sirens
in your street - please
place your items in the
'Lions' trailer!



PLEASE HELP TO MAKE SOMEONE'S
CHRISTMAS THAT MUCH BETTER!

*Proceeds to
Local Foodbank Only!*

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MOSGIEL we are singing Christmas Carols at Taieri Court on Saturday 14th December at 2pm.

MOSGIEL CHURCH FAMILY you are invite to our Christmas social event Tuesday 17th December 7pm to 9pm in the church. Please bring a party plate.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 1 marks the anniversary, December 1 1961, when the West Papua nation officially declared its independence, raised its new Morning Star flag and sang its new national anthem.

As we did last year, West Papua Action (Dunedin) is holding a brief commemoration of that event at the Peace Pole (Museum Square) at 12 noon next Sunday, at which we shall raise the Morning Star flag in solidarity with the courageous people of West Papua in their struggle to regain their independence from their Indonesian oppressors.

TO DEMONSTRATE our commitment to our West Papuan brothers and sisters, people of Mornington Church (and the Parish) are invited to join this commemoration. A brief address will be given by Prof Kevin Clements of the O U Dept of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution. Transport from Mornington Church to the Museum, and back to your home, will be arranged as required.

To our allies worldwide,

As the violence again escalates in West Papua, remember that a beautifully illustrated and free on-line resource is available to anyone who wants to learn about the West Papuan struggle for freedom and why it continues to grow stronger.

Crying Freedom (formerly called Vanishing Tribes) is a fact-based online novel created by a collaboration of artists, academics and activists from four continents as a tribute to over 50 years of nonviolent resistance in West Papua. It includes 60 paintings and illustrations as well as 50

(optional) pop-up footnotes and image descriptions for readers who want to learn more about West Papua and its astonishing people. The full publication is available online from our secure website at www.cryingfreedom.net Please use Crying Freedom in any way you wish (except re-publishing it). It is our gift to you and the people of West Papua, and we hope you will find good use for it.*

Papua Merdeka! Ahinsa



Dunedin Little Citizens:

Tamariki have been challenging themselves physically and we have introduced a trapeze swing to extend on their skills. We are in the process of selecting more equipment to purchase to enable further development of physical skills and competence. Tamariki are exploring their ideas and working theories, expanding their knowledge through their play and interactions with others.

The interest in doctor and vet role play continues and caring of the baby dolls. Through their play, children are learning to recognise feelings, both their own and others, and discovering how to respond to these feelings.

If you would like to support the Mission's work with a donation, please visit www.givealittle.co.nz and search for The Methodist Mission



House of Representatives

While we are thinking about anniversaries (of some of our ordained clergy), here are some more to recall:

October 2019 is the 60th anniversary of the ordination of Dame Phyllis Guthardt as a Methodist presbyter, we read in the November *Touchstone*. Dame Phyllis was the first NZ woman to be ordained in any denomination, actually. I thought my school friend Margaret Crozier was the first NZ woman to be elected leader of a political party – the Values Party, 40 years ago, in 1979 – but I was wrong. (I'm often wrong, if it's something I want to believe!) Mary King was elected President of Social Credit quite a lot earlier, in 1962.

Another anniversary this year involves the 40-year-old photo of a short girl in a long skirt. The cover of her book, *The Political Years*, shows the National Party caucus in 1979: row upon row of men, with just one woman in front, a youthful Marilyn Waring.

As I told the story at Glenaven and Mosgiel, we have to thank the younger sister of Glenaven's Yoka Neuman for Marilyn's presence in that photo. The fact that she took up politics is down to Yoka's sister in Wellington, the late Marijke Robinson, and the Women's Electoral Lobby (WEL), who made a concerted drive to improve the ratio of female to male MPs. Without their efforts we would not have had 23-year-old political-science graduate Waring as an MP from 1975, when there had been no women in the National Opposition in the previous term, and never anyone so young in any party.

In July '74, Waring joined the Young Nationals in reaction to PM Kirk's refusal to countenance any normalizing of homosexuality. But before that, she says in *The Political Years*, she was a "quiet, attentive" learner at meetings of WEL, a non-partisan group of women activists she found "inspirational". WEL wrote polite letters asking the Labour, National and Social Credit parties what they were doing to increase the number of women candidates for the 1975 election. All three claimed "women had an equal opportunity to be candidates, and that parties would love to have more of them, but women simply did not offer themselves for selection..." It seemed to Waring "that if enough women sought election, even if they lost, this was one line that could be removed from the catalogue of excuses." So she applied, never dreaming that she'd be chosen as a candidate, let alone elected as the MP for Raglan with 54% of the vote. Her nine years in office, in Robert Muldoon's government, meant (following the WEL model) polite asking of questions, researching for answers, and much seriously hard work. She had no ambition to lead the party or the nation, although others asked her to; but she did head the Public Expenditure Committee for years and achieve countless advances for women everywhere. She took her elected role, as a *representative* of the majority (52%) of the world's population, very seriously. She was judged recently one of the 100 most influential women in the world.

Before reviewing Marilyn Waring's memoir *The Political Years*, I had also reviewed Helen Clark's 430-page *Women Equality Power: Selected speeches from a life of leadership* (2018). Although I read them in that order, Waring's career as an MP began a good six year's before Helen Clark's, even though Marilyn was the younger of the two. The *House of Representatives*

does not, even now, fairly represent the gender balance in society, but Waring felt she had the added responsibility of representing young people as well.

Next year it will be 40 years since Helen Clark, aged around 30, began her political journey. She approached the task very carefully, knowing her gender could be an issue in her selection/election, and thereafter. On the eve of Labour's candidate selection meeting in 1980, she was preparing to present herself, in competition with six men, as a possible successor to Warren Freer in Mount Albert. Some 20 years on, in Brian Edwards's book *Helen: portrait of a Prime Minister* (2001), Mike Williams describes her practising her speech in the kitchen: "There's a phrase in that speech that sticks in my mind, which was, 'I don't think you should select me *because* I'm a woman. However, I don't think you should *not* select me because I'm a woman.' It was a very, very good speech."

While there have been several books with Clark as subject, the latest differs in including the near-decade after she made her Valedictory Speech to parliament in 2009, ten years ago. On 19 April that year, 11 days after farewelling the House, she began work as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the first woman in that role.

Clark entered Parliament in 1981 believing women have the right to work, to experience equality in employment and to seek election or appointment to leadership positions. For many women their feminism had by then become an assumption that didn't need to be declared. But at the time, the clarity and forcefulness of Clark's expression of what drove her was still a new thing.

Clark's Maiden Speech to Parliament, 27 April 1982: "Our party was founded on concepts of social justice and equality... by working men and women who could see from the experience of their daily lives the injustice of prevailing social conditions." The phrase "working men", used for decades by Labour and socialist leaders, is expanded to "working men and women"; those colloquially known as 'the weaker sex' were now co-agents of change.

Although there has been no memoir from Clark, she does offer, within the speeches, some background from her "perspective as a woman, as a member of a farming family, as one who was fortunate to have educational opportunities..." (Parliament, 1982) Her Maiden Speech canvasses everything from rising prices for postage to the consequences of seeking "security" by acquiring military hardware.

The book shows a playing-out of such issues in subsequent decades, with a world perspective before and after 2009. As Clark outlines the Millennium Development Goals, you can recognize the values that have driven her this far: "These eight time-bound goals aim at tackling poverty in its many dimensions. There are goals and targets on income poverty, hunger, access to education, maternal and child health, deadly diseases, inadequate shelter, gender equality, environmental degradation..." When the MDGs were replaced in 2015 by 17 Sustainable Development Goals, she forecast: "women's empowerment will be crucial to achieving this new agenda."

From New York to Kazakhstan, a Climate Change Conference in Morocco to a forum in Australia, Clark describes her vision of "The Leadership We Need" (Canberra, 2017), considering the huge challenges to sustainability the more realistic of our prophets can foresee.

– Helen Watson White

Services at Mornington for December 2019–January 2020

Date	Time	Venue	Leaders
1 December (1st Advent)	9.30 am	St. Marys	
8 December (2nd Advent)	9.30 am	Mornington (with St Mary's congregation)	Rod Mitchell
8 December (2nd Advent)	7 pm	Mornington (combined Mornington churches' Carol Service)	Rod Mitchell and choirs
15 December (3rd Advent)	9.30 am	Mornington (Choir's Christmas Music programme)	Rod Mitchell and Colin Gibson
22 December (4th Advent)	9.30 am	Mornington	Donald Phillips
24 December	10.30 pm	Glenaven (Christmas Eve)	David Poultney and Rod Mitchell
25 December	10 am	Mornington (combined with Glenaven)	Rod Mitchell
29 December	10 am	Mosgiel (combined Parish)	David Poultney
5th January	9.30 am	Mornington	David Poultney
12 January	9.30 am	St. Mary's	
19 January	9.30 am	Mornington Presbyterian	
26 January	9.30 am	Mornington	